

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 5, 2011  
10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order** Charles Myers, Chair, called the meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees to order at 10:05 a.m., on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at the Library of Michigan.

**Attendance** Members Present: B. Denise Bartlett, Barb Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr.), Kathy Irwin, Charles Myers, Carolyn Nash, Nancy Robertson, Mike Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Carol Wolenberg

Members Absent: Representative Shanelle Jackson, Elaine Logan, Representative Jim Stamas

Staff Present: Deb Biggs Thomas, Kim Koscielniak, Sheryl Mase, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary), Don Todaro

Visitors: Ruth Dukelow, Jim Seidl, Carolyn Sparks

**Agenda** FRANCIS "BUS" SPANIOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED.

**Minutes of February 2, 2011 Meeting** THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2011 MEETING WERE APPROVED UPON MOTION BY CAROL WOLENBERG.

**Board Reports**  
**Board Chair's**

Chuck introduced and welcomed new Board members Kathy Irwin and Carolyn Nash.

Chuck reported on his attendance at the event welcoming new Library of Michigan Foundation Director Carolyn Sparks.

Kent District Library's new director is Lance Werner.

Chuck took a moment to recognize Terri Assaf and Lori Poznanski-Mason for their customer service as noted in the correspondence in the Board packet.

**Board Members' Reports** There were no Board member reports.

**Legislator Updates** There were no legislator updates. No Senate appointments have been made yet.

**Partnership Reports**

**Cooperatives** Jim Seidl from the Library Cooperative Directors Association presented the Cooperatives' report.

**MAME** Sheryl Mase from the Library of Michigan (LM) spoke about MAME's Leadership Day event and talked about LM's collaboration with MAME.

**MCLS** The MCLS report was in the Board packet.

**MLA** Kathy Irwin spoke on the MLA Report, which was distributed at the meeting. The MLA Directors Summit will be on Monday, April 11.

**State Librarian's Report** Nancy introduced LM's new financial analyst, Patrick Conlen, and the new Foundation director Carolyn "Sparky" Sparks.

Nancy reported on the current year budget for LM and the progress of distribution of state aid to libraries. The Library's budget and state aid are expected to be cut in FY2012, but not by a large amount. The good news is that there may be funding for the Michigan eLibrary, MeL, in the FY2012 budget.

The Library will be working with the MDE to achieve their dashboard goals of third grade students reading at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading proficiency and having career and college-ready K-12 graduates.

Nancy is scheduled to give a brief presentation about the Library of Michigan to the State Board of Education on April 12.

Nancy updated the Board on the status of the Herrick lawsuit.

Plans continue to proceed with regard to changing LM's status from a regional library to a selective federal government document depository library, and to have the University of Minnesota Libraries designated as the regional library serving Michigan.

Michigan Notable Books author tours have been scheduled. Randy Riley, from the Library of Michigan, and Sparky are coordinating the annual Night for Notables event. Invitations to the event were distributed at the Board meeting. The Library Board's own Bus Spaniola wrote the foreword in the 2011 Michigan Notable Book, *The Sweetness of Freedom: Stories of Immigrants*.

A book selection has been made for the 2011 Michigan Reads! program. A pre-announcement about the selected book will be sent to the library community in a few weeks.

Nomination forms for the 2011 State Librarian's Excellence Award will be available within the next few weeks. Roger and June Mendel are again sponsoring the main award; Elaine Logan is sponsoring one of the Citations of Excellence award. A sponsor is still needed for the second Citation of Excellence award. The awards will be awarded at the State Librarian's Luncheon at the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference on October 27 in Kalamazoo.

Nancy provided an update on the QSAC and SL21 programs. Of the 387 public libraries, 205 have received either an essential, enhanced, or excellent QSAC designation. SL21 is a newer program and 16 school libraries have reached a qualified level and 10 school libraries have reached an exemplary level.

A Workforce Development Summit will be held at LM on May 24.

Kim Koscielniak reported on the Access to Justice grant program.

Deb Biggs Thomas gave a presentation on the Michigan Online Resources for Educators (MORE) component of MeL.

**LM Foundation  
Report**

Foundation Director Carolyn "Sparky" Sparks presented the Foundation update. Sparky is interested in hearing what the LM Board expectations are of herself and the Foundation Board.

**Board Discussion**

The Board held a discussion on funding priorities and the process for determining priorities for Foundation funds.

**Old Business**

Additional language to be added to the LM Board Bylaws, regarding Library of Michigan Board members serving on the Library of Michigan Foundation Board, was presented at the meeting. The wording will be shared at the LM Foundation Board meeting in May, and is expected to be reviewed and voted upon at the September LM Board meeting.

**New Business**

There was no new business to report.

**2011 Meeting  
Dates**

The Library of Michigan Board will meet on the following dates in 2011:  
Wednesday, September 14  
Wednesday, December 7

All meetings will take place from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Meetings will be held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Board Room of the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

**Adjournment**

MIKE SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED  
AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:54 A.M.

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Charles Myers, Chair

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Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian